



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 18, 2026

The Common Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Zach Bender on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 7:00PM.

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Alliance.

Mayor Bender asked for affirmation of proper public notice to which City Administrator Isaacs confirmed the meeting did receive proper public notice.

Roll call was taken with Alderpersons Julie Erickson, Leanne Beyer, Mark Lankey, Pat Moen, Darrow Novy, Elizabeth Parish, and Randy Seeley present. Tom Hotek was absent.

Others in attendance were: City Administrator Cory Isaacs, City Clerk Sara McDonald, Police Chief Pat Clark, Street Department staff Joe Haugh and Mike Burch, Nicolette Nauman from the Hillsboro Sentry Enterprise, residents Greg Kubarski, and Becky Bender.

Motion by Beyer, seconded by Parish to approve April 20, 2026, City Council Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Seeley, seconded by Novy to approve April 21, 2026, Reorganizational Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Registered Public Comment

Mike Burch wanted to thank Greg Kubarski for the prompt, last minute tree care assistance provided.

Committee Reports and Business

Motion by Lankey, seconded by Moen to approve the monthly bills for payment. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Parish, seconded by Moen to approve Emplify by Gunderson Hillsboro Park Use Permit. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Moen, seconded by Erickson to approve NextHome Real Estate Sidewalk Use Permit. Motion carried by voice vote with Seeley abstaining from the vote.

Motion by Seeley, seconded by Lankey to approve parking lot area sale behind 836 Water Ave with stipulations regarding payment for survey and quit claim. Motion carried by voice vote.



Mayor Bender asked for discussion on curb work for Klondike, Tower Hill, and other areas. Beyer asked to table decision and further discussion to a future meeting to gather clarity on requirements needed and possible bid options. Multiple alderpersons questioned current contract specifications. Administrator Isaacs will investigate further.

Mayor Bender provided discussion on tree cutting needed done within the City. Administrator Isaacs provided a list of 40 trees needing immediate work. Mayor Bender provided three options for possible bid verbiage and levels of work needed. Motion by Seeley, seconded by Moen to put tree cutting out to bid with differing levels of services for pricing. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Bender asked for discussion on street patching/chip sealing within the City after a demonstration with a new option for patching. Input was given by Haugh and Burch regarding streets and areas of concern. Administrator Isaacs will arrange a plan for a test area and bidding requirements.

Mayor Bender acknowledged need to resurface the tennis/basketball courts brought to his attention by Burch resulting in large ruts and cracks. Seeley questioned if a fundraiser to aid in fixing would be an option. Beyer questioned availability of grant funding. Isaacs will research pricing to fix as well as options for financing if needed.

Administrator Isaacs provided an update for the July 4th event consisting of a play, multiple food options, fireworks and other events throughout the day.

Administrator Isaacs acknowledged delivery of 90 yards of high-quality playground mulch. The mulch was then used at Field Veteran's Park. There is still a need for more mulch for Albert Field Park. The remaining will be used at Albert Field and another load early in the spring of 2027.

Administrator Isaacs gave an update on the Dewatering unit. There have been blown fuses that are not an issue on the plant but a fault in the rental machine. The engineers are working to correct this issue. Machine works well when completing the dewatering.

Administrator Isaacs stated that the Vet's Park stage is scheduled to be delivered 5/19/2026 per Snapper Verbsky. Verbsky had asked Isaacs if there was a possibility to keep the current concrete pad. Burch and Haugh believe the current concrete pad is too far in a state of disrepair to keep.

Administrator Isaacs provided a pool update. Staffing is going well with a pool manager prospect arranged. There is mechanical work needing to be done prior to opening. Mike Lange and Tom Stowell are helping get the pool ready.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM by Beyer, seconded by Lankey. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.